

## **County Real Estate Electronic Government Advisory Committee Web Application**

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**Project Name:** Iowa Real Estate On Line

### **Requesting Governmental Entity:**

County Real Estate Electronic Government Advisory Committee created pursuant to House File 882, 2005 Iowa Acts.

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### **Project Sponsors:**

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Iowa State Association of Counties

### **Goal:**

The goal of the project is to develop an Internet web portal linking the websites/web portals that house county real estate data so the public would be able to access Iowa real estate information from any web-accessible location and move seamlessly and transparently between different data sources without reentering parcel information and without knowing the data had been accessed from different sources.

### **Project Purpose:**

The purpose of the project is to implement the goal of House File 882, 2005 Iowa Acts, to integrate the websites/web portals used by the four offices in each county that house real estate data and thereby increase public access to county real estate information.

### **Background:**

The County Treasurers' website for real estate data is operational for all ninety-nine counties. Document imaging through the County Recorders' website is operational for ninety-seven counties, and the County Recorders are working toward full implementation of their project. The County and City Assessors' current web portal is linked to sixty-plus Assessors' websites across the state, and the Assessors' affiliate has recently discussed plans to work toward statewide participation by all County and City Assessors. The County Auditors are currently negotiating a contract with Iowa Interactive, Inc. to develop a website for County Auditor held real estate data. Because each of these websites/web portals will exist independently, a user would need to access each one separately and perform duplicate searches to access information on a particular real estate parcel.

**Expected Results in this Project:**

The vision of the project is to have a web portal that itself houses no county real estate data, but which serves as a one-stop access point to find real estate information. The joint web portal would link to the four affiliate websites/web portals and to individual county websites by the use of multiple unique identifiers, such as the county permanent parcel identification number. The user would be unaware the search engines and data actually exist on the affiliate and independent county websites/web portals. The user would be able to access current ownership information, assessed values, images of recorded real estate documents and pay taxes, all without knowing the joint web portal accessed multiple data sources in a manner that was transparent and seamless to the user.

**Request:**

We are requesting \$25,000 for Phase 2 – Analysis.

**Interested Parties:**

Iowa County Recorders Association  
Iowa State Association of Assessors  
Iowa State County Treasurers Association  
Iowa State Association of County Auditors  
Iowa Counties Information Technology  
Iowa State Association of Counties  
Iowa Bankers Association  
Iowa Association of Realtors  
Iowa State Bar Association  
Iowa Land Title Association  
Iowa Credit Union League

**Recipients of this Service:**

Expected users of the project include any member of the public, including Iowa citizens, taxpayers, and voters. High volume users would include real estate attorneys, real estate loan officers from banks and credit unions, real estate brokers, and abstractors.